

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : 21cr0074(DLC)
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-v- :
CONNIE TORRES, :
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Defendant. :
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

On January 21, 2021, a "Notice of Intent to Waive Indictment" in the above-captioned matter was assigned to this Court. The parties have advised the Court that the defendant intends to waive indictment and enter a plea of guilty and that the defendant prefers the arraignment and guilty plea to occur remotely as opposed to in-person. It is hereby

ORDERED that the arraignment and plea proceeding is scheduled for **February 4, 2021 at 3 p.m.** and shall occur via the Microsoft Teams videoconference platform, if that platform is reasonably available. To access the conference, paste the following link into your browser:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_0TlkNTU4ZjQtMWZjZi00Nzg1LWE4MGUTYjJkMjRiMGRjOWM1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%221d66f037-8266-4d1c-919c-67c6543d3542%22%2c%220id%22%3a%2220b3b4ec-1ef6-4484-88f4-2126fec52fa%22%7d.

To use this link, you may need to download software to use the platform's videoconferencing features.¹ Participants are directed to test their videoconference setup in advance of the conference, including their ability to access the link above. Defense counsel shall assist the defendant in testing the defendant's videoconference capability so that the defendant can participate by videoconference if that is feasible.

Users who are unable to download the Microsoft Teams application may access the meeting through an internet browser, although downloading the Teams application is highly recommended.² When you successfully access the link, you will be placed in a "virtual lobby" until the conference begins. Participants should also ensure that their webcam, microphone, and headset or speakers are all properly configured to work with Microsoft Teams. For general guidelines for participation in remote conferences, visit <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that members of the press, public, or counsel who are unable to successfully access Microsoft Teams

¹ See Microsoft, [Download Microsoft Teams](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app) (last visited Dec. 7, 2020), <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>.

² Please note that participants who access the Teams meeting using an internet browser may only be able to view one participant at a time.

may access the conference's audio using the following credentials:

Call-in number: +1 917-933-2166

Conference ID: 181 743 838#

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by **Monday, February 1, 2021**, defense counsel shall file a letter informing the Court whether counsel and the defendant have successfully tested Microsoft Teams. If the defendant and counsel are unable to successfully test Microsoft Teams, defense counsel shall advise the Court whether the defendant consents to proceeding with a telephone conference or whether the defendant requires the proceeding to occur in person.

Dated: New York, New York
January 26, 2021



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge